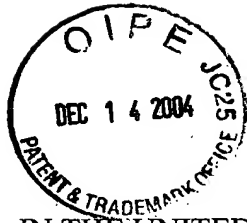


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PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
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TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 1772**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hideyuki KIMURA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1772

Application No.: 09/674,077

Examiner: M. Patterson

Filed: October 26, 2000

Docket No.: 107714

For: INSERTED-BONDED CYLINDRICAL ARTICLES, AND A MOLDING METHOD
AND A MOLDING APPARATUS THEREFOR TECHNICAL FIELD TO WHICH THE
INVENTION PERTAINS

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants thank Examiner Patterson for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representatives during the December 9 personal interview. During the interview, Applicants' representatives described the invention and the distinctions over the applied art based on the Request for Reconsideration filed on December 3.

Specifically, Applicants' representatives argued that Suzuki does not teach or suggest injecting molten resin behind the blank board 103, but only injects molten resin at the top and bottom parts of the container. Applicants' representatives also argued that because the portion at which the blank board 103 is integrated by fusion with the thermoplastic molten resin structuring the pillar part 102a, the flange 102b and the shoulder 102c at ends 103a is very narrow, one of ordinary skill in the art would not have been motivated to place an injection

gate 41 at the width. In addition, Applicants' representatives asserted that placing the injection gate 41 at the width would interfere with structure when removing the hardened thermoplastic resin from the mold, which Suzuki intends to overcome. Therefore, the Office Action's suggested modifications would not have been obvious from Suzuki's teachings, but rather taught against.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of claims 1-6, 12-14 and 21-23 are patentably distinct from the applied art, and therefore, that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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